

We Join In Observance Of National Negro History Week

By SARAH M. HARVEY
National Negro History Week is being observed, February 12-19 and as we have done for the past 25 or more years, we give our readers a special Negro History Week Edition — part 1 was run last week and part 2 this week. . . both issues dedicated to FOSTERING INTER-RACIAL GOOD WILL by acquainting both the Negro and the white Mississippian with just a bit of the valuable and meritorious contributions made to civilization by Negroes of the past and present.

We realize that with the advances in human relations that have been and are being made daily, there are those who be-

lieve that the emphasis and use of Negro History Week observance has become unnecessary and out-dated. And although we do agree with those who say, "History cannot be restricted by the limits of race, nation or people," we feel, along with others that "where the achievements of one element are omitted from the published record, the historian must record these facts, label them with some designation and invite attention thereto." We agree that there is no such thing as Teutonic history, Latin history, Roman history, Greek history or Egyptian history. All events and movements are so related and interrelated that they cannot

be thus isolated—But, as the Negro is rarely mentioned in the regular published histories—his positive contributions are usually omitted, so for these reasons, we endorse the observance of Negro History Week until such time as writers of textbooks will have become broad enough to mention the Negro's Contribution to world's history as he does others.

These issues that we have published this and last week, do not attempt to give details but only to present enough of the stories of the achievements of Negroes right here in Mississippi to belie the great belief of groups and individuals in other sections that all Negroes in the South are little more than savages, living in dire poverty and want; to show and to prove that Negroes in the South, in Mississippi and indeed in Jackson, are doing much better in many respects than many of their brothers of other sections, who spend so much time, "Saving us from the Devil" while those around them are "falling into the deep blue sea." To instill into the minds of our young people the idea that they need not be ashamed of the fact that they were born and are being reared in Mississippi and the South; for with very few exceptions all Negroes who have done or are doing worthwhile things, were

born and reared in the south; to show our youth that whether they live in Minnesota or Mississippi, that the black American will come into his own, ONLY AS HE SECURES FOR HIMSELF, THE BALLOT AND ECONOMIC POWER, only as our leaders realize the importance of teaching the masses the value of VOTING, of SELF-HELP, SELF-RESPECT, SELF-PRESERVATION; only as the masses are educated in RACIAL PRIDE; are encouraged to go into business and industries heretofore not entered into; are taught to stop "TALKING LOUD AND TELLING SECRETS"

In a broader sense, these Negro History Week Issues are dedicated to showing our youth that THEIRS IS A GLORIOUS HERITAGE . . . that while it took several centuries to produce a Byron, and a Bacon, Emerson and Edison, Washington and Webster—it took only a little over EIGHTY YEARS to produce a Miriam Anderson an Abbott; a Bunche, a Bethune, a Benjamin Banneker, a Carver, a Frederick Douglass, a Dunbar, a Laurence Jones, a J. E. Johnson, a Leontyne Price, a Booker Washington, a Carter Woodson. . .

We do not intend to even give the impression that Mississippi is a Heaven, or that it comes near being as desirable a place to live as we would have it, but Mississippi is our home, many of us plan to live and die here—many of us know from experience that it is no worse IN MANY RESPECTS than any of the other 50 States.

SO, while we maintain that in order to be better citizens NEGROES MUST HAVE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES THE SAME AS EVERY OTHER CITIZEN OF THE STATE; while we maintain that until the youth of the state, both white and black are given an equal opportunity to become self-respecting, self-supporting men and women, the State of Mississippi can never have a well-balanced citizenry of prosperous cities, towns and villages, let us also maintain that unless NEGROES begin now on a program of "Helping themselves" by cooperative businesses, by registering and voting, by preparing themselves for First Class Citizenship, when the opportunities do come, we will be found "wanting" and unable to take advantage of them. . .

We sincerely hope that there has been some information in these two issues, that will help us all to see the need of the observance of NEGRO HISTORY WEEK . . .



Jackson Coca-Cola Bottling Company's oldest employee—Willie "Dib" Davis—has finally retired from active service and many a North Jackson resident has lost an unsalaried "Jack-of-many-trades" and congenial helper.

Even a few old timers remember when "Dib" first went to work for Coca-Cola back in 1906 but literally thousands know him as the "Coca-Cola Man" who delivered the beverage to their home and was always ready to lend a helping hand with any chore.

His first duties with the company included washing bottles by hand and assisting in operating the hand and foot controlled bottling machine. By 1915, "Dib" was assigned as one of the "old hands" selected to open a branch plant at Durant and there he remained until 1918 when he was called for Army duty in

World War I. He returned to the Jackson plant in 1921 and two years later was named Home Delivery Route Salesman for the city of Jackson. By 1939, the city had expanded to such an extent that "Dib's" territory was confined to North Jackson homes and downtown office buildings. There he has served since that time.

"Dib," of his own volition, officially retired on January 1st of this year and immediately received the first forthcoming monthly pension checks from Coca-Cola president, Dr. C. R. Bowman for outstanding loyalty and devoted service to the company. But this factor won't stop "Dib" from seeing his host of friends for he says, "I'll be around just the same, maybe not so often, but I'll be around."

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority's S'western Regional Conference to Convene In Jackson, Miss., March 31, April 1



By S. M. HARVEY, Regional Journalist

Mrs. Odessa Garland, Dallas, Texas, Southwestern Regional Direction, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority has announced her Regional Conference to convene in Jackson, Mississippi, March 31, April 1, with Alpha Pi Chapter as hostess, Mrs. Miriam Dansby Johnson, president of the chapter and Conference chairman.

A tentative Program and information released from Mrs. Johnson, gives the campus of the J. P. Campbell College as headquarters for the two days meeting, that will begin Friday afternoon with Registration in the S. L. Greene Auditorium. The Educational Program, Friday evening, will feature the Sorority's National President, Mrs. Florence Madison Hill of Philadelphia, Pa. The first business session is scheduled for Saturday morning. (Continued on Page 2)

COMING ATTRACTIONS AT STEVENS ROSEROOM IN JACKSON . . .

MARCH
IKE AND TINA TURNER AND ORCHESTRA . . .

APRIL
BILL DOGGET & ORCHESTRA.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PREMIER PATRICE LUMUMBA, who at first was reported to have escaped from a jail in Elisabethville in the Congo Katanga province, was later found to have met death at the hands of his political foes.

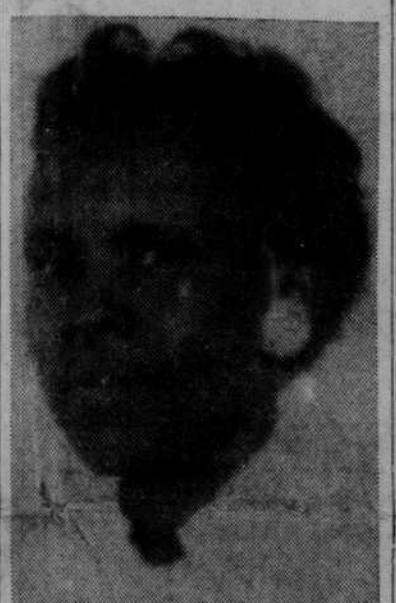
SINGER VELMA MIDDLETON, veteran vocalist with jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong who died in a Freetown (Sierra Leone) hospital Friday after an illness of two weeks. Miss Middleton had been confined since suffering a stroke while appearing with the Armstrong unit on its first African visit. She was 45.

ETHEL WATERS, one of the nation's personalities and the first Negro performer to obtain star status in the movies reported in dire financial straits in Pasadena, Calif.

ALPHONSE PICOU, all-time great of the clarinet and prominent for years in Dixieland music was buried in New Orleans last week.

HENRY LEWIS, 28, Los Angeles, Thursday night became the first of his race to conduct a major symphony orchestra on its home base when he led the Los Angeles Philharmonic in concert at the Philharmonic Auditorium. He filled in for Igor Markevitch, who had to cancel his appearance under doctor's orders.

Mrs. Eunice L. Nelson, Teacher Of the Week



JACKSON, Miss. — Mrs. Eunice Lee Nelson, a first and second grade teacher at the Sumner Hill School, Clinton, Miss., was recently chosen as "Teacher of the Week" by popular request of her students and through the sponsorship of Mr. Jobie Martin of WOKJ Radio Station.

Mrs. Nelson is a graduate of Jackson State College and has received a masters degree from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Mrs. Nelson is married to Mr. Eddie Nelson and is the mother of three charming daughters, Agnes Jean, Hazle Lou and Bertha Lee.

The Nelsons live on Reddix Street in the West Side Community and she is an active member of North Side Baptist Church.

Mrs. Nelson believes that wholesome teacher-pupils relationship determine the attitudes that pupils develop toward learning and themselves.

Gov't To Speed Up Payment Of \$250 Million In Dividends

WASHINGTON — Over 5 million World 1 and 2 U. S. Government Life Insurance policy holders will be paid more than \$502 million in dividends before the end of the winter, and no later than July 1.

Regional offices received this assurance in telegrams from the Veterans Administration Central Office here last

week after receiving instructions from President Kennedy to take immediate steps to speed up payments.

There are 4,800,000 World War 2 policyholders and 260,000 World War 1 veterans who are in the Government Insurance. Veterans Administration officials announced that every effort is being made to get the dividend checks in the mail before the end of winter.

Greenwood Student Receives Merit Certificate



Greenwood, Miss. . . . Miss Willa Jean Robertson, a former student of Broad Street High School, has been named Finalist in the 1960-61 National Merit Scholarship Program competition and has been awarded a Certificate of Merit. Miss Robertson attained Finalist status by her distinguished performance on two tests and upon endorsement. (Continued on Page 2)

Clarksdale Student Chosen As Delegate To Williamsburg Student Burgesses

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., — A 17-year-old Clarksdale girl has been chosen as one of two Mississippi delegates to the Williamsburg Student Burgesses, scheduled to convene here February 18. She is Earline Outlaw, president of the Mississippi State Association of Student Councils, who is a student at the W. A. Higgins High School in Clarksdale.

Miss Outlaw is the daughter of Mrs. Witherspoon Macbeth of 304 Magnolia Courts, Clarksdale.

A unique and exciting educational event for young people, the Williamsburg student Burgesses is a four-day international seminar for school-level participants. It is being sponsored for the fourth consecutive year by Colonial Williamsburg.

The main purpose of the Williamsburg Student Burgesses is to help prepare young people for their adult responsibilities as citizens of democratic nations. The program will emphasize better understanding of traditions, political institutions, and the democratic heritage. The historic atmosphere of restored 18th-century Williamsburg, source of many of America's democratic ideals, will be used to dramatize the continuity of public responsibility, from the (Continued on Page 2)

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Dr. Howard Listed By Grand Jury

MVC Grad Inks Baseball Pact

ITTA BENA, MISSISSIPPI — Tell Lott, a May 1960 graduate of Mississippi Vocational College, has been signed to a baseball contract with the Philadelphia Phillies of the National League, it was announced here today by George (Bo) Williams, Coach of the MVC Baseball Team.

A standout pitcher who guided the Delta Devils to a co-championship in the South Central Athletic Conference baseball race last season, Lott will be assigned to the "Phillies" triple "A" farm team in Williamsport, Pa.

Also a first rate batter and outfielder, Lott received the A. C. White Scholarship presented by President and Mrs. J. H. White at the MVC All Sports Banquet for the top scholastic average among team athletes.

CHICAGO — Dr. T. R. M. Howard, former president of the National Medical Association and one-time GOP candidate for Rep. William Dawson's congressional seat, was indicted here last week in connection with a \$100,000 fake accident ring.

Howard who came to national attention several years ago as leader of a militant rights group in Mississippi has been operating a private medical clinic in Chicago since fleeing the South when whites applied an economic squeeze to crush the movement for integration.

The physician was indicted along with six lawyers, another doctor, a former insurance adjuster, and nine other persons charged by the grand jury as members of a fake accident ring.

It was reported the ring had collected about \$20,000 in settlement of fake accident claims from insurance companies, and has still pending approximately \$10,000 in fake claims.

Dr. Weaver Sworn In At White House

WASHINGTON — Declaring that "I have the highest confidence in your honesty, integrity and ability," President Kennedy Saturday morning administered the oath of office to Dr. Robert C. Weaver as administrator of the U. S. Housing and Home Finance Agency.

The White House ceremony climaxed a bitter, but losing fight by Southerners to prevent Weaver from assuming office.

Tri-State Assets Top \$4 Million

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Assets of the Tri-State Bank of Memphis soared over the \$4-million mark last year for the first time in its 14-year history. As of Dec. 31, 1960, total assets were: \$4,002,021.2.

Of this sum, \$3,491,897, 59 was represented in deposits. A. Naceo Walker is president of the bank.

Greenville Matron Aids In Rescue of 3

GREENVILLE, Miss. — A white woman last week was credited with saving the lives of three tots and teamed up with a colored woman in a vain attempt to rescue a fourth child as the children's home went up in flames.

Mrs. Virgil Wolfe was walking past the house when she saw the smoke. She ran into the house and led three boys to safety. With the aid of a neighboring woman, she ran back in the house in an effort to get three-months Yeana Sigmond Jarrett when the older of the three youths said the infant was still in the house.

The children were alone in the house when the flames started. The father had left the house to have a flat tire fixed and the mother was at work.



WEBB BEAUTY SCHOOL'S GRADUATES at work, doing just a few of the many things in beauty culture taught at the outstanding institution. Members of this class were graduated at exercises held Monday evening, February 13, at Anderson Methodist Church. Guest Speaker for the occasion, Mrs. Lelia Rhodes, Librarian at Jackson State College was introduced by Miss L'Dina Robinson of the public relations Dept., Campbell College. Members of the class were: Mesdames Leflore, Sutton, Thames, McFarland, Hunt, Collier, McNeil, Johnson, Bateman, Washington, Grant, Hulitt, Chatmon, Washington. Owners of the School are Rev. and Mrs. S. L. Webb and Mrs. Maragret Brumfield.

On Sunday, February 12, the Graduating Class of Webb Beauty School was entertained at a lovely tea, given by Mrs. Rosalie Hobbs, in her well appointed home on Watson St. Mrs. Hobbs was assisted by Mrs. Albert Porter.